

Remarks

Receipt of the Office Action mailed February 16, 2007 is acknowledged. With the accompanying one-month extension of time, this amendment is timely if filed on or before May 16, 2007. Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 1-19 and 23 are allowed. Reconsideration and allowance of the remaining claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-19, and 21-25 are pending. Claims 1, 18, 21-22, and 24 have been amended. Claim 20 has been cancelled, and claim 25 has been added. The amendments to claims 1, 18, and 24 are clerical in nature. The amendments to claim 21-22 are supported in the specification at page 13, lines 8-15. New claim 25 is supported in the specification at page 21, lines 3-10. No new matter has been added. Entry of each of the amendments is respectfully requested.


Claim 24 has been amended to correct the misspelling of "Papillomavirus." The amendment obviates the Examiner's objection.

Claims 21 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 on the grounds that they allegedly encompassed products of nature. Applicants, without conceding the Examiner's position, submit that amended claims 21-22, which recite "purified" antibodies, are in full compliance with the requirements of § 101, and respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

In view of the foregoing, this application is now in condition for allowance. If the examiner believes that an interview might expedite prosecution, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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